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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION August 20, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the Department of Public Works, Information Desk, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, California 92123, and the public library branch listed below and at www.sdcdpw.org/esu. If you wish to challenge the County's action on the following Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you, or someone else, have raised in written correspondence.

Sweetwater Reservoir Loop Trail Project; COFD-00251. The proposed project is intended to establish and formalize the northern portion of the Sweetwater Reservoir Loop Trail. The project will connect to the existing southern portion of the trail so as to eventually allow for non-motorized recreational opportunities completely around the Sweetwater Reservoir, a 14.1-mile loop trail. The proposed northern trail to be constructed by the County is divided into eight trail segments (Segments 1, 1a, and 3 through 8), a drainage crossing over Spring Valley Creek, and two staging areas. The proposed project (northern loop trail proper) is approximately 5.3 miles in length. Segment 1a, connecting the entire loop trail (northern and southern portions) to an existing trail system to the west, is approximately 0.64 miles in length. The County's environmental document only addresses the segments that will be constructed by the County. The remaining segments of the northern trail not proposed by the County include Segment 2, which will be the responsibility of Caltrans as part of mitigation for the SR 125 Extension Project; Segment 9, which is the responsibility of the Pointe Development; and Segment 10, to be the responsibility of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) San Diego National Wildlife Refuge. Construction of these three segments is not analyzed as part of the proposed project.

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than October 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. (a 45-day public review period). This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can also be reviewed at the Bonita-Sunnyside Branch of the San Diego County Library, which is located at 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902.

Comments may be submitted to Lorrie Bradley by mail at 5469 Kearny Villa Road Suite 305 San Diego, CA 92123, by email at Lorrie.Bradley@sdcounty.ca.gov or by fax (858) 874-4043. For additional information please contact Lorrie Bradley at (858) 874-4055.